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2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

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BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Provides relative to the board of trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement System

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (6), relative 3 to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide for membership on the board of 4 trustees; and to provide for related matters. 5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 6 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution 7 of Louisiana. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (6) are hereby 10 amended and reenacted to read as follows: 11 §2260. Administration 12 A. Board of trustees: 13 14 (2) The board shall consist of ten eleven trustees as follows: 15 16 (b) A fire chief who is chief of a fire department participating in the system 17 and who is a member of the system, shall be elected in December, 1988 by a majority of the fire chiefs of fire departments participating in the system, to take 18 19 office January 1, 1989, to serve until January 1, 1991, and his successor shall be 20 elected for a term of five years, commencing on January 1, 1991. Two members of

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1 the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association who are members of the system and who shall 2 be elected by a majority of the officers of the association for five-year terms. 3 4 (6) Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on the board. An affirmative 5 vote by at least five six members of the board of trustees shall be necessary for a 6 decision by the trustees at any meeting of the board. The phrase "affirmative vote" 7 shall mean that the vote shall be cast in favor of approving any motion. 8 9 Section 2. This Act does not affect the term of the member of the board of trustees 10 who is serving pursuant to R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(b) on the effective date of this Act. The 11 additional trustee position provided for in R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(b) as amended by this Act 12 shall be filled initially in December 2023 for a term that begins on January 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds an additional fire chief to the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS) board of trustees.

Present law provides for 10 trustees on FRS board of trustees.

Proposed law increases membership to 11.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the membership on the FRS board of trustees as follows:

- (1) Two members of the Professional Fire Fighters Assoc.
- (2) Two mayors appointed by the La. Municipal Assoc.
- (3) A member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the speaker.
- (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement or his designee.
- (5) A retiree of the system.
- (6) The state treasurer or his designee.
- (7) The commissioner of administration or his designee.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that the board includes a fire chief elected by fire chiefs who are members of FRS.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds an additional fire chief to the FRS board of trustees and requires that both fire chief trustees be members of the La. Fire Chiefs Assoc. and that they be selected by the officers of the association.

<u>Present law</u> provides five votes are needed for a decision to be made by the board of trustees. <u>Proposed law</u> increases votes needed to six.

(Amends R.S. 11:2260(A)(2)(intro. para.) and (b) and (6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add provision increasing vote required for action by the board.